Fire in Frontier Mail

696. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether fire broke out in the bogies of Frontier Mail near Ludhiana in the early hours of 15th May, 2003;

(b) if so, the number of passengers who lost their lives and the number of those seriously injured as a result of the accident;

(c) the amount of *ex-gratia* paid by the Railways for the deceased and those seriously injured;

(d) whether statutory inquiry by the Commissioner of Railway Safety has been completed; and

(e) if so, the findings thereof and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Dead-36

Grievous-02

(c) *Ex-gratia* amounting to Rs. 36 Lakhs have been given to the next of kin of those dead and Rs. 30,000/- to the grievous injured involved in the fire accident.

(d) No, Sir. Statutory Inquiry by the Commissioner of Railway Safety is going on and he has submitted his Preliminary Inquiry Report and he has mentioned that the cause will be finalised on receipt of forensic report only.

(e) Does not arise.

Refrigerated coaches

697. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coach Factory has manufactured refrigerated rail coaches for movement of fresh fruits and green vegetables by the Railways;